foreign policy in view of the existing circumstances with particular reference to recent US Presidential elections; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) The basic objectives of India's foreign policy are predicated on the maintenance of India's territorial integrity, ensuring a durable environment of peace and stability in our region and the creation of a favourable external economic and strategic environment to promote domestic socio-economic development. These fundamental pillars of India's foreign policy are derived from a national consensus. India has pursued and will continue to pursue, an independent foreign policy guided by these objectives. The evolving international situation is carefully monitored by the Government and timely initiatives are taken to adapt our policies within the framework of our national interest. All major international developments, such as the disintegration of the Soviet Union, developments in Eastern Europe and other events are taken into account in a continuous process of evaluation keeping in mind the underlying basic tenants of India's foreign policy which remain immutable. The change in the US Administration, and the extend to which it impinges on the policies of the United States, including our bilateral relations, will be evaluated in this context.

Economic Cooperation with Uganda

1674. SHRI BISHAMBER NATH PANDE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Uganda is interested in economic co-operation with India;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that persons of Indian origin who were forced to leave Uganda in 1972 will get back their properties if they return to resume their business activities; and

(d) if so, what are the details of the Agreement reached ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During his recent visit to India, President Museveni of Uganda had requested Indian entrepreneurs to invest in Uganda and help in its economic reconstruction. He stressed his desire for increased commercial interaction between both countries.

(c) and (d) President Museveni has asked people of Indian origin, who were forced to leave Uganda in 1972, to return and re-possess their properties. No formal agreement was signed. President Museveni referred to this matter during talks held between the delegations of the two countries.

Pakistan Resolution Regarding Right of Self-Determination

1675. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJARAL: *Will the PRIME MINISTER* be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that United Nation's General Assembly is considering a Pakistani resolution regarding right of self-determination;

(b) whether such a Resolution has already been moved in the Social Committee of the United Nations on behalf of thirty-five sponsors;

(c) whether this number of sponsors of the Resolution has increased by six compared to last year; and

(d) what was India's approach to this Resolution in the Special Committee of the United Nations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALERIO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Pakistani resolution has been moved and adopted in the Third Committee of the UNGA on behalf of 34 sponsors.

(c) The number of sponsors have increased by five compared to last year.

(d) As in previous years India made a statement in the Third Committee explaining our position regarding the application of the Right of Self-Determination at the time of the adoption of the resolution without a vote. It was pointed out that the right of self determination applies only to peoples under foreign domination and that those words or description do not appiy to sovereign independent States or to a section of a people or nation which is the essence of national integrity.

राष्ट्रपति और प्रधान मंत्री द्वारा विदेशों के दौरे

1676. **श्री शंकरदयाल सिंह :** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1993 के दौरान राष्ट्रपति और प्रधान मंत्री द्वारा क्रमशः किन-किन देशों का दौरा किए जाने की संभावना है, और

(ख) वर्ष 1993 में अबतक किन-किन राज्याध्यक्षों के भारत के दौरे की योजना को अन्तिम रूप दिया जा चुका है?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एडुआर्डोफेलेरो) : (क) और (ख): वर्ष 1993 में भारत के राष्ट्रपति और प्रधान मंत्री की अन्य देशों को और विदेशी शासनाध्यक्षों की भारत की यात्राएं अभी-विचाराधीन हैं। ये यात्राएं और उनसे संबंधित विस्तृत कार्यक्रम भारत सरकार और सम्बद्ध विदेशी सरकारों के बीच परस्पर विचार विमर्श से तय किए जायेंगे। इन यात्राओं के होने से पहले इनके बारे में एक तरफा या सार्वजनिक रूप से घोषणा करना सुरक्षा तथा स्थापित राजनयिक प्रथा के अनुकूल नहीं है।

Memorandum of understanding between India and Iran on various projects

1677. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that it has been agreed in the sixth meeting of Indo-Iran Joint Commission held recently that India would execute various projects costing over one billion dollars in Iran;

(b) if so, what are the details of the Memorandum of understanding signed between the two countries; and

(c) what are the names of the projects of Iran on which India have agreed to execute and what action is being taken for implementing the same and since when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) to (c) Indian companies have shown interest in participating in projects in Iran, including Kerman Thermal Power Station, Bandr-abbas-Bafq Electrification Project, Tehran Metro Workshop, and Khuzestan sugar Mills. Negotiations betw-en Indian companies and their Iranian counterparts are under way in this regard.

Discussion on N.P.T.

1678. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV RAO JADHAV : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Delegation has attended the second round of bilateral discussions on Nuclear non-proliferation Treaty recently; and

(b) if so, the details of the outcome and decisions taken in the discussion ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) An Indian delegation held the second round of bilateral talks with the United States on November 12-13, 1992 on a range of issues covering disarmament, non-proliferation and regional security.

(b) These talks are a part of an on-going dialogue with the US Government. No specific decisions were expected to be reached during this round which was intended for a further exchange of views to enhance mutual understanding of the positions of the two countries on disarmament, non-proliferation and regional security issues.